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MAO OF THE AMERICAS

While the United States has reason to be disappointed that the Organization of American States did not take stronger united action against Castro we ourselves may be part of the reason. This Lilliputian tyrant seems an invincible giant to too many Latin Americans precisely because of the Bay of Pigs fiasco plus our apparent inability since to effectively oppose him. As a matter of fact, our CIA regularly harasses and frustrates the efforts of those free Cubans who do oppose him. We regularly spy upon leaders, confiscate vessels, upset anti-Castro plots and generally work to make sure that none of the Cuban exiles here do anything against the Castro regime. We are his chief protector in this hemisphere.

Should we try instead the pathway of commitment and courage, should we support those Cuban exiles who dream of the ultimate overthrow of this brutal police-state by the Cuban people, it might well be the case that the bankrupt government of that troubled land could yet be overthrown and without the military participation of a single United States soldier.

One thing is certain. In the vastness of his ego and the sickness of his mind, Fidel Castro see himself as the Mao or the Lenin of the Americas. If he has his way, there will be no peace in this hemisphere, or any freedom. He is committed to the subversion, overthrow, and control of every government in the Americas, including our own. Firm, concerted and decisive action sooner or later must be taken to make sure that this remains the insane, impossible dream of a Cuban madman.

Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.)